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Director, Central Intelligence Agency 2430 E Street, N. W.

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ATTN: Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.

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Dear Sir:

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This is in reply to your memorandum, subject: dated 17 July 1959.

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I am gratified that our briefing was helpful to you in understanding the tasks involved in analysis of Soviet activity. As you recall, it was estimated that within present capabilities the National Security Agency could complete the analysis of about 10 targets in one year. In view of the potential contribution of this source to high priority objectives, I feel that with some additional concentration of effort we can probably accomplish a larger number of studies. The complete analysis of as many as 15 targets will, however, be contingent in large degree on the selection of targets, since these vary considerably in volume of activity. Once an agreed priority listing of targets has been established, the NSA commitment can be made more definite.

You may be assured that NSA will use every available means to improve and expedite the processes essential to research and analysis. As you are aware, the transfer to computer tapes data for the period 1956 back to 1952 is already well under way. This is being done while at the same time processing current inputs of IBM cards from the field. It is estimated that in about one year all data available since 1952 will have been converted to this more readily retrievable form, thus permitting us to prepare material for our studies much more readily than before.

I share fully your concern for the manipulability of already validated information and am sure that we will make further improvements in this and other aspects of our processing. It should be pointed out, however, that present methods already permit us to take advantage of previous research. For example, in the case of a recent CTA requirement concerning it will be possible to utilize data compilations prepared for earlier studies.

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The continued close association between NSA and CIA personnel concerned with this project should promote a beneficial interchange of ideas and assure a clear understanding on both sides of the problems involved. I look forward to further discussions between our analysts leading to an early determination of those targets most important to national intelligence.

Lieutenant General, USAF

Director

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